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## Dr. Vrieze Fills Two-Day Dordt Visit

MUCH ACADEMIC MILEAGE FROM TRINITY LECTURER

Dr. Maarten Vrieze, busily serenaded intellectual ears during his two day stay on Dordt's campus. Originally committed to two formal speaking engagements, the Trinity Sociology professor was pressed into six additional assignments before his leave. He spoke to sundry classes on diverse topics. They included: Society and the Race Problem, The Relationship of Theology and Philosophy, Aesthetics, Christian View of Entertainment, Politics and the Christian. All this in addition to a chapel speech and his two scheduled lectures on the cultural mandate and "manifest destiny."

Sponsored by the student council, the balding doctor in addition to his eight lectures conducted numerous coffee-cup chats. He has attended the Free University of Amsterdam, was a minister in the Netherlands during World War II, and has done some additional ministerial work in Canada. He subscribes to Dooyeweerd's Cosmonomic Law-Idea, which expresses the fact that everything created is subject to the laws of God. Using this basic philosophic foundation he developed all his formal-informal lectures. With no notes, he carefully and knowledgeably articulated all of the implications of his

subjects. At very least, he explicated a philosophy that is broadly spoken of at Dordt College and yet never precisely explained.

The likeable professor is presently in his second teaching year at sister Trinity. He specializes in Sociology but also teaches Bible and History. He is considered the "grandfather image" on a very young Trinity faculty.



Dr. Maarten Vrieze filled a stimulating two-day speaking engagement on Dordt's campus.

## Twirpers Turn The Tables

1968 is leap year, and February 19-24 was Twirp Week at Dordt College. During this week the girls were required to carry books, open doors, buy lunches, and perform all other acts of chivalry for the opposite sex. Date cards were distributed to the girls on which they were to obtain the signatures of all those whom they twirped. Entertainment provided for the couples during the week included the comedy Abbot & Costello movies on Wednesday, a penny carnival on Friday, and a folk singing group, the "Unclassified," on Saturday.

The motto "Have a blast, it may last!" was quickly adopted, and both girls and boys co-operated to make Twirp Week both fun and an amazing success.

## Pennies Fly In Carnival

Friday, February 23, was the night of the penny carnival, the highlight of Dordt's Twirp Week. Dordt couples filled the main classroom building dressed in clashing clothes and spending hundreds of pennies to throw wet sponges at John Strikwerda, to gamble with the pre-sems, to go through the spook hall, to enter kissing booths, and to drink with Mamie Haan. Other attractions included "Inspiration with Guru" for the purpose of meditation and inspiration, the jail for the offence of physical contact with partner, the slave auction complete with stocks and auctioneers, and the recorded music of "Jerry and the Nose-pickers."

At 9:00 the kangaroo court began its hearings. Offences ranged from males who opened doors for the opposite sex to the officiating judge being "an abominable bore."

It was generally agreed by those in attendance that the carnival was an appropriate climax for an enjoyable week.



# EDITORIAL

Norman Bomer

The modern definition of mental medicine is a striking contrast to the traditional view that applies that field to intense and radical mental disorders including violence, hysteria, or total incapacity. "Experts" today contend that at least one out of nine persons is mentally ill, and some suggest that everyone is at some time affected by mental illness. Today the psychiatrists and psychologists demand the legal right to "treat" those deemed ill, and everyone from bed-wetters to unhappy lovers to murderers are now referred to a psychiatrist or social worker. Medical treatment is replacing moral and penal methods. Repentance of sin has now "progressed" to scientific method and chemical treatment. Man is no longer sinful, but "sick." He is no longer responsible for his actions as image bearer of God, and the "new morality" has replaced the role of Christian morality.

This "new morality" is today becoming the "new legality," and has become the yardstick of the courts. Such a substitution of "science" for morals is replacing the Christian basis for law and justice, and bringing about the possible enslavement of our people by the "social engineers", as George Orwell so vividly portrays in Nineteen Eighty-Four.

The Christian emphasis on personal responsibility for one's actions is now rejected, and psycho-socio "experts" dismiss vicious crime as the pitiable result of some psychological trauma possibly initiated in childhood by some experience of tension. (In shameful harmony with this approach, the constant and insistent pressure from "progressive" educators and psychologists has developed the widely accepted notion that Love requires that children be allowed to have their own way, lest parents frustrate their potential development and impede

their ability to act independently. This approach, now a cog in the wheel of the liberal church, is today resulting in growing lawlessness and rebellion among the younger generations. When we as Christians reject the lie that secular psychology is a science, and face the fact that it is purely the application of materialistic and evolutionistic philosophy, then will we realize that Love requires that which will do the most for a child in helping him to grow into a responsible, mature adult. It is not that which will cater to the immediate desires of the child, allowing him that which is most pleasant in order to curb potential frustrations.)

The psycho-socio approach now demands the legal right to play God. Just punishment is now giving way to "treatment," and the horrifying implications of the "mental health" approach is hardly realized by the majority of the population and the majority of Christians. With Christian concepts of responsibility and retribution eliminated from our legal and political systems, nothing will block the deposition of anyone deemed "mentally ill" by the social engineers who define neurosis as a refusal to accept humanistic and socialistic philosophy. People who today criticize the "mental health" movement are often accused of being emotionally disturbed. Those who retain the Christian concepts of right and wrong are now misfits.

"The re-interpretation and eventual eradication of the concept of right and wrong are the belated objectives of nearly all psychotherapy," says Dr. G. B. Chisholm, former Director-General of the World Health Organization and former President of the World Federation for Mental Health. "The people who have been taught to believe whatever they were told by their parents or their teachers are the people who are a menace to the world." Twenty-two years ago, Dr. Chisholm prophesied that in perhaps twenty years we might be able to "change the dearest certainties of the human race—to root out and destroy the oldest and most flourishing parasitical growth in the world, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

And how are the social engineers

able to "root out and destroy?" Most states have now adopted the Draft Act for the Hospitalization of the Mentally Ill, promoted by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This act says if you are accused of being mentally ill, that you may be arrested without a warrant, taken from your home and confined against your will in a state or county hospital without being allowed any outside contact for up to six days, and that during this time you are subject to any therapy deemed necessary by a psychiatric "expert," including shock treatments, chemical therapy, and if "necessary" lobotomy. Any subsequent court hearings to decide whether you need further or permanent "treatment" proceed on the assumption that you are mentally ill until proven sane. Even at such a court, your presence is not required if you are not "fit" according to the psychiatrists. Anyone accused of being mentally ill need not be informed as to the identity of his accusers. Such a direct violation of our due process of law is a terrifying political and personal weapon. In California, the Short-Doyle Act also provides for compulsory care, and anyone committed for an undefined "mental illness" may have his property sold to cover costs.

Existing legal practices described above have already been used in our country as political weapons, although the majority of our people are yet unaware that such a possibility exists. Detailed coverage of such incidents would require too much space here, but the extent of such activity is shocking. Allegations of mental illness are now commonplace, and have been effectively used in political circles to an astonishing degree.

To preserve our Christian liberties we must rigorously oppose the system of arbitrary arrest and indefinite imprisonment advanced by the apostate officials who are working to gain control not only of our institutions, but of our minds. To retain our rights as human beings, image bearers of God, we must distinguish clearly and without hesitation between God's law and godless "experts" of social scientism. We must recognize that our

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by Jack Van Vliet

The Comfortable Pew by Pierre Berton is stimulating reading material for all. Christians who are concerned about the fading spiritual potency of the Church of Christ. The thesis of the book is, in the author's own words, "that 'religion,' as we know it today in all its organizational manifestations, is something quite different from the Christianity of Galilee; that it tends to attract a different kind of person from the kinds that followed the original precepts; that, in its desperate effort to preserve its established entity, the Church has become fossilized; and that this fossilization has prevented it from moving with the world...that a violent revolution—violent in the psychological and social rather than in the physical sense—is needed to save Christianity."

The Comfortable Pew was written by an ex-Anglican Canadian at the request of the Anglican Church of Canada, and has been enjoying best-seller status for quite some time. Berton interprets the popularity of his book as an indication of the growing concern of laity about the de-spiritualization, de-relativization, and declining influence of the Anglican Church, as well as its mother, the Church of England, and its sister, the Episcopal Church of America, in particular; and of the Protestant Churches of the North American continent in general. He attacks such deplorables as: the Church's involvement in war, the Church's apathy in connection with racial discrimination, the Church's involvement in secular business, and the Church's pre-packaging of Christian morality. All of these sins are profusely illustrated and profoundly questioned. Other matters of interest to which our attention is drawn are: "the worship of national creeds," "the ecclesiastical caste system," the contradiction between "religion" and Christianity, "the casting out of the outcasts" (meaning those

whose socio-economic status is disparate in relation to that of the majority in a given organized church) and, last but certainly not least, "the comfortable pew," with all its "soothing syrup."

But wait, that is not all. We could hardly forget "pretensions to absolute rightness, the special language of the priesthood, the luke-warm pulpit, the rejection of Twentieth-century media," and dogmatically pietistic faith.

To summarize the three general sins of the Church, the specifics of which have been given above, are: the abdication of leadership; the tyranny of the religious establishment; and the failure of communication.

All of Berton's observations are effectively propounded in a provocative, semi-satirical style. The material is straight-forward and easy to read—one does not have to be a theologian to appreciate this challenging, penetrating book. It has amplified my belief that the Christian Reformed Church too is not exempt from criticism. It is not for nothing that Billy Graham has called our church "the sleeping giant." Understandable, too, is the fact that society generally has not been dynamically affected by the Christian Reformed establishment, for we insist on maintaining and preserving sentimental hymns, pre-packaged morality, "thees", "thous", "dosts", and "arts". Take Time To Be Holy, one of our favorite hymns, carries the implicit inference, that we do not have to be holy all the time, and that since "the world rushes on" we must adopt a type of monasticism or pietism.

The world is crying out for the living Christ—dare we any longer give society stones rather than bread? Those stones will inevitably be thrown at us sooner or later.

## Music Department Cuts New Albums

On February 23 and 24, the Band and Concert Choir held their annual recording session. Records will come out for sale near the end of March. The price will be \$4.00 each, or \$7.00 for a set of two.

## SPARKLES

by Carol Addink

If you've heard that James Mahaffy, a sophomore at Dordt, is from Ethiopia, believe it. In a way it's true. He's from Eritrea, a province of Ethiopia located adjacent to it. The part of Eritrea he is from, different from the stereotyped African country, is not a jungle, but a mountainous farmland with a good climate. (The coldest it gets is 32 degrees and the warmest is 100 degrees.)

Some of the natives, the Saho group, do not fit the stereotype either; they are brown, not black. They are nomadic farmers, that is, they plant crops on two locations, one in the mountains and one along the coast. That way they can harvest two crops a year. Their farm implements are very backward; they have only a metal plowshare and a team of oxen, but modern equipment would be rather useless because each family has only four or five plots of land the size of one of Dordt's buildings. The walls of their homes are made of a stone and mud mixture, topped with beams laden with branches and dirt to form the ceiling. Obviously, this is not weather proof, in fact it often collapses in a rain storm.

Needless to say, the roof over the Mahaffy family, one of the four missionary families living in the area, is a bit more stable. James' father, an Orthodox Presbyterian minister, holds services in the marketplace, conducts Bible classes, and distributes literature to the Eritreans. He has reduced the Saho language, only one of several Eritrean languages, to an English script and has translated the Gospel of John into that language. James' mother, a former school teacher, tutors her seven children through elementary school, and they take high school by correspondence. The Mahaffy household also includes two servants, but James told me that these are a necessity, not a luxury; because there are few labor saving gadgets. For example, until recently, their

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Psychology and Sociology textbooks are based on a philosophy of lies which is intent upon the destruction of Christ's church. We must study them offensively, differentiating between actual psychological disturbances of organic origin or those which require Scriptural counseling, and attitudes which scientific "experts" term neuroses because they do not conform to humanist philosophy. "Mental Health" is defined by the National Association for Mental Health and other psychiatric organizations as "acceptance of the concept of world citizenship," the "escape from moral chains," belief in the "redistribution of material wealth," and more of a continuous list of humanistic and socialistic "science."

Are you mentally healthy?

## Chorale Eyes The Twin Cities

The Chorale Choir has two concerts in our immediate area. On April 17 the Chorale Choir has a concert in the Rock Rapids Reformed Church, and on Sunday, April 28, the Choir performs in Sheldon Christian Reformed Church.

The tour begins April 25. The first performance will be in the Edgerton Christian High School in the afternoon. On the night of April 25, a performance will be given in the Prinsburg Christian Reformed Church, and on April 26 a performance in Prinsburg High School. The choir will then travel to Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. and give an evening concert in the First Christian Reformed Church of Minneapolis. They will remain in Minneapolis that night and the next day, and will arrive in Sioux Center on Saturday evening.

## Grotenhuis Participates In School Festival

On Friday, March 1, Mr. Dale Grotenhuis was guest conductor at the Chicago Christian Junior High School Music Festival. All junior high schools in the Chicago area participated.

## CONCERT CHOIR SCHEDULE

Home Concerts

- Leota, Minn., Sunday, March 10, at 8:00 P.M.  
 Rock Valley, Iowa, Sunday, March 17, 2:30 P.M.  
 Hospers, Iowa, Sunday, March 17, 8:45 P.M.  
 Hull, Iowa, Sunday, March 24, at 8:00 P.M.  
 Bethel, Sioux Center, Iowa, April 21, at 3:30 P.M.

## CONCERT CHOIR TOUR

- March 30—Cleveland, O., at East Side Chr. Ref. Church, 7:30 P.M.  
 March 31—Columbus, O., at Olen-tangy Chr. Ref. Church, 8:15 P.M.  
 April 1—Pittsburgh, Pa., at Covenant Orth. Pres. Church, 8:00 P.M.  
 April 2—Wyncote, Pa., at Phil-Mont Chr. Academy, 1:00 P.M.  
 April 2—Midland Park, N.J., at the Midland Park Chr. Ref. Church, 8:00 P.M.  
 April 3—Paterson, N. J., at Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, 8:00 P.M.  
 April 4—Eastern Christian High School at 8:40 A.M.  
 April 4—Whitinsville, Mass., at Fair-lawn Chr. Ref. Church, 8:00 P.M.  
 April 5—Rochester, N.Y., at the Rochester Chr. Ref. Church, 8:00 P.M.  
 April 7—Grand Rapids, Mich., at Calvin College Fine Arts Aud., 3:00 P.M.  
 Kalamazoo, Mich., at 8:30 P.M.  
 April 8—East Grand Rapids Chr. High School, 9:00 A.M.  
 Grand Rapids Central Chr. High School, 11:00 and 11:30 A.M.  
 Hudsonville, Mich., Unity Chr. High School, 2:00 P.M.  
 April 9—Pella, Iowa, Calvary Chr. Ref. Church, 8:00 P.M.

## CONCERT BAND TOUR

- March 26—Kanawha, Iowa, at Kan-awha H.S. Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.  
 March 27—De Motte, Ind., at De Motte H.S. Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.  
 March 28—Holland, Mich., at Hol-land Chr. H.S., 11:00 A.M.  
 Muskegon, Mich., at West. Mich. Chr. H.S., 1:30 P.M.  
 Hudsonville, Mich., at Unity Chr. H.S. Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.

March 29—Lansing, Ill., at Illiana Chr. H.S. Auditorium, 8:00 P.M.  
 Before leaving on tour the Concert Band will give a concert at Sutton, Nebraska on March 22, and on March 25 will give a home concert in Sioux Center at the Public Auditorium.

DIAMOND BOOK LISTLearning To Read

by Nick Van Til

The Grapes of Wrath

by Helen Wassenaar

Autobiography

by Dallas Apol

In Cold Blood

by Aaldert Mennega

Leaves of Grass

by Delmar Westra

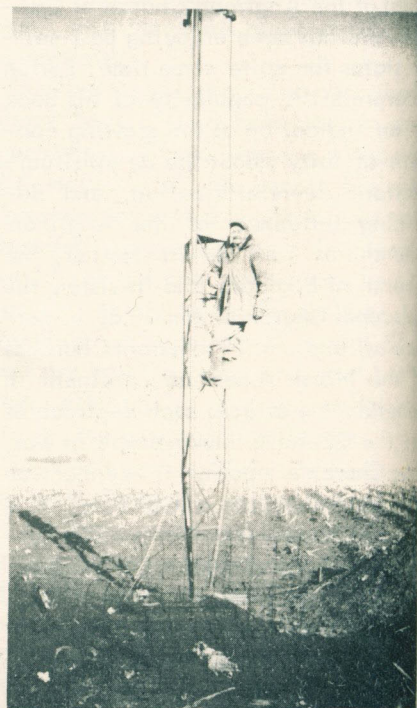
The Heart of The Matter

by Marvin De Young

Crime and Punishment

by Garrett Rozeboom

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Pausing in his descent is Mr. Symen Timmers who has hand mixed the concrete for Dordt's new Phys Ed plant. Mr. Timmers will be 78 years old in July.



## SPARKLES:

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clothes had to be washed. Now of course, washing is done by machine, that is, a machine run by a servant turning a crank attached to the agitator inside. Besides, labor is only fifty cents a day. (Do you still think you get poor wages?)

The Mahaffy children have an unusual variety of pets, including a cameleon, a sassaha, and a stork. The sassaha is a small rock antelope about two feet tall, capable of leaping a six foot wall. The stork, appropriately named Junior, is trained to beg for food by clapping his beak open and shut. The Mahaffys also had a pet turtle, but he ran away, probably because he developed an inferiority complex in the presence of the other pets.

One of the things James enjoyed most in Eritrea was climbing the mountains and visiting the ruins of civilizations in existence before Christ. A valuable archeological find of gold Roman coins, chains, and crosses was recently uncovered in these ruins (not by James unfortunately.)

James commented that this really wasn't a fair picture of Eritrea, but he had selected the extraordinary details. He concluded, "It's generally not that different from here. People are still people regardless of different hides, habits or customs."

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Valley of the Dolls

by Mrs. Willis Albert

Mein Kampf

by James Timmer

Confessions of a Bookie

by Hester Hollaar

The Dating Game

by Richard Vander Zee

Servant of Slaves

by Gerrit De Vries

The Prince

by B. J. Haan

The Return of Tarzan

by Merle Meeter



Thalians Carol Addink and Jim Vanden Bosch assumed the difficult roles of Antigone and Creon in Jean Anouilh's modern rendition of the Greek classic.

## ANTIGONE CRITIQUE

by John Strikwerda

Antigone by Jean Anouilh as produced by the Dordt Thalians was an interesting theatrical experience. It gave the Dordt audience an opportunity to see a Greek tragedy as adapted by a contemporary playwright. The play itself is of questionable dramatic quality and reaches its heights only in the one scene between Creon and Antigone.

The acting of the cast was commendable. Carol Addink's Antigone was much better than her earlier translation of Sarah in J.B. She conveyed the tragic quality of her role extremely well, especially during the "Great Debate." Jim Vanden Bosch's Creon served as an apt antagonist to Antigone. The conflict between these two characters was real and everyone felt it.

The Chorus as portrayed by John Schuurman was acceptable. John did with the part as much as anyone could have, considering the material he

had to work with. Personally I think the part was boring and much too didactic. It could have been deleted without impairing the quality of the play.

The real surprise of the play, however, was the fine job Eric Schilperoord did as the first guard. Supplying almost all the light moments in any play is difficult. Eric handled the situation professionally. Hopefully he will go to greater things.

On the other side of the board is the technical difficulty of the production. The lighting was bad with characters stepping into shadows time and again. One could also question the choice of stage colors. Black and white, with a colorful scene thrown in for variety, is hardly conducive to enhancing the interpretation of the production. The major question is not a problem of right and wrong (black and white) but rather a debate and conclusion somewhere in between (grey perhaps?)

One final comment on the ushers. Gerry Ebberts must be given due credit for an idea which, when implemented, added to the atmosphere of the theater. After being ushered to one's seat by a young lady in formal attire, one can only say: Girls look best when, as girls, they're dressed!



## Political Science Club Joins Mock U.N.

by club reporter

"Point of personal preference", "point of order", "point of clarification", "object to consideration", etc. became as common as conjunctions in the vocabulary of the members of Dordt's Political Science Club delegation to the Model United Nations held at the North Dakota State University at Fargo.

The dawning of Thursday, February 8, found the students well on the way, some sleeping, some debating and some telling Dutchman jokes. (After all, the delegation was representing the Netherlands.) There was an atmosphere of anticipation, but not without some apprehension, because it was a first, so one really didn't know what would eventuate.

The conference began with a general assembly in a stately old hall with a white pillared stage. The delegation took a seat near the back but were soon summoned toward the front. The gallery was lined with adolescents wishing to observe the proceedings, and its railing was draped with flags of every hue and design.

Reels whirled and shutters clicked as reporters feverishly endeavored to preserve and share the event, and pages circulated to facilitate inter-delegation communication.

The speaker, in summary, condemned Pan-Africanism and the banning of the Red Chinese delegation and advocated "moving beyond the foolish headlines of daily newspapers," economic rejuvenation of underdeveloped nations, and securing and retaining "adequate moral prerogatives". In addition to this he outlined the functions of the general assembly. His enthusiasm was contagious and set a good precedent for the many bloc meetings and committee meetings ahead.

The proceedings were frequently interrupted by demonstrators in exotic habiliment, who were denounced for their diversionary subversive tactics, and requested to terminate their puerilism.

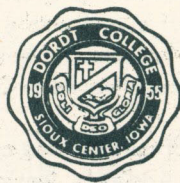
The Netherlands (Dordt) delegation saw the effects of its extensive preparation, when it had the distinction of being the only nation to pass a resolution concerning the Apartheid policy of South Africa, although many resolutions of this nature were submitted. The bill went through the Western Bloc meeting, the First Political Committee, the Security Council and after its dramatic defense in Dutch by Garry Halbersma and accurate interpretation by Willy Ver Hoef it was debated extensively in the final General Assembly. Attempts to amend it (and thus render it ineffective) were repulsed and it passed in its submitted form.

The conference was concluded by a banquet on Saturday evening, accompanied by an excellent speaker from Sierra Leone.

Other highlights included the loss and recovery of Willy's ring, and meeting Alan Hollaar (a former Dordt student) while dining in the State Room.

About 40 hours of activities and interaction with approximately 90 other delegations, 6 weary students concluded their unforgettable experience with a three hour parody on parliamentary procedure as they travelled home.

Another M.U.N. in May at Oskaloosa is anticipated.



### NOTICE

The Intramural office will now be open from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, and from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on other week-days. If you are unable to check out equipment at these times, contact Bev Nydam, Gene Hospers, or Larry Van Wieren. Golf tournaments will begin shortly.

## sports

### Defenders Fight Back Until Final Bell

Dordt's Varsity closed out their season on much the same note as they started it. Their final season record now stands at 1-20.

In a February 13 game General Beadle put down a scoring threat by Dordt and went on to win 84-75. Hospers had 20 points for the losers followed by Vander Pol and Kreun with 15. Stoddard paced G.B. scoring.

On February 20 the Defenders again put on a good fight only to be put down, this time 96-87 by Storr Lake's Buena Vista. Riittner led a long list of Buena Vista scorers with 21. Vander Pol put in one of his finest games for Dordt and led scoring with 29.

In the year's final game, March 2, the Defenders were crushed by Northwestern 100-57. Vander Berg was the big man for N.W. with 25. Hospers managed 13 for the losers.

### J.V. Loses Last Game Of Fine Season

The Dordt J.V. Defenders rounded out their season with a 9-3 record in regular games.

On February 13 Van Voorst and Louters led their team to an 83-79 win over General Beadle J.V. The scoring duo put in 28 points apiece in the hard fought battle.

In the J.V.'s 88-86 squeeze over Nettleton BC Louters was again the big gun with 34 points. Despite trailing throughout much of the game the Defenders managed to pick up a lead in the final seconds.

Northwestern took the win in Dordt's final game—93-72. Dykshorn led the 13 man N.W. scoring list with 15.

Louters and Van Voorst each had 24 to again top Dordt scoring.

This contest was held March 3.